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State Rejects MWC Request For Combs Renovation Funds

By Teresa Joerges
Bullet Staff Writer

The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) on Oct. 20 rejected Mary Washington College's request for \$5.5 million to renovate Combs Hall. But college administrators still feel confident that the General Assembly will give the college the funds to renovate Combs in the spring.

Combs Hall, formerly housed the science departments, now sits empty after the opening of the new Jepson Science Center in August.

Combs is currently awaiting renovations so it can house the departments of English, linguistics, and speech, historic preservation and modern foreign languages. College officials hope that Combs will be operational again in the fall of 2001.

According to Ranny Corbin, executive assistant to MWC President William Anderson, this measure was taken by SCHEV because Gov. Jim Gilmore does not want to include any building projects for colleges in the current two-year budget.

"They were following the governor's lead," Corbin said.

When the budget was originally drafted, it only allowed for the incorporation of emergency funding for building projects, according to Paul Dresser, rector of the Board of Visitors.

The SCHEV is not the group that actually makes the appropriation of the funds, Corbin said, but it is responsible for making recommendations for the budget to the General Assembly. The next option for the college is to

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Peeping Incident Facts Unmasked

By Jason Schultz
Bullet News Editor

New details have emerged regarding two alleged incidents of "window peeping" that occurred behind Randolph Hall on Sept. 27 and Oct. 2. One incident resulted in an arrest and will go to trial next week, and the other appears to be a prank gone awry.

As The Bullet first reported in the Oct. 8 issue, on the night of Sept. 27 police arrested Daniel Joseph Engles, 27, a Fredericksburg resident, in the parking lot behind Randolph Hall. According to MWC Lt. Richard Knick, police charged Engles with "peeping or spying into a structure that is occupied as a dwelling."

Knick said that MWC police

Corporal LeRoy Wilson apprehended Engles while patrolling the parking lot at night.

According to senior Amanda Craddock, head resident for Randolph Hall, the Engles incident was not isolated. Craddock said that a resident had spotted someone looking through the windows next to the parking lot behind Randolph earlier on the night of Sept. 27, and had called the police.

Because of the earlier incident, police were patrolling the parking lot at regular intervals.

Craddock also said that on at least two other occasions this semester, residents have called their parents or police after seeing suspicious individuals lurking around the parking lot at night.

According to Phil Fines, an attorney



The suspects in the second alleged peeping incident wore masks like this one.

Diana May/Bullet

from the Commonwealth's Attorney's office, Engles is charged with a class-one misdemeanor, which could carry a jail sentence of up to 12 months and a fine of up to \$2500 if he is convicted.

Engles will go on trial on Oct. 29 at 9:30 a.m. at the Fredericksburg General District Court, located at 615 Princess Anne St. Fines will prosecute

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Diana May/Bullet

Many freshmen will find themselves using FRED buses like this one after the parking ban next fall.

Students Looking For More From FRED After Parking Ban

By Rachel Zoberman
and Candy Standley
Bullet Staff Writers

The administration caused a stir among students when it decided to eliminate freshman parking effective next fall. A main concern among students is that FRED, Fredericksburg's local transit system, is inadequate and needs to make changes to accommodate students.

The major concern students have involves FRED's limited hours of operation. FRED's current hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. The system does not operate on weekends.

Many students feel there is a definite need for longer weekday hours and weekend routes.

Sophomore Virginia Eaton remembered one experience with FRED's limited hours. "My friend and I got a ride to Central Park one Saturday. We thought we could take FRED back. We waited and waited until we finally realized that the bus doesn't work on the weekends and we had to take a cab back," she said.

Senior Jennifer Reyes voiced similar concerns about FRED.

"I was very excited when FRED started running when I was a sophomore," Reyes said. "I don't have a car so I thought it would be a perfect way to go shopping until I found out that it doesn't run on the weekends. I don't have time to go out during the week."

According to Rebecca Martin, transit manager of FRED, the system is willing to listen to the concerns of students and try to meet their needs.

"When FRED first started we knew we had to take things step by step," Martin said. "Our first goal was to identify the needs of the residents of the city. Our next step was to later survey college students."

"We are now ready to do that," Martin continued. "We didn't want to take on too much at once or we wouldn't be able to do a good job."

Students are not the only ones who feel that FRED may not be able to meet the needs of incoming freshmen, who will not be allowed to park their cars on campus next fall.

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Diana May/Bullet

Fans watching the MWC women's soccer team defeat Methodist 11-2 had plenty of room to stretch out last Saturday. With tailgating banned attendance at the game was sparse.

Students, Alumni Avoid Weekend Games

By Shawna Shepherd
Bullet Assistant News Editor

In the absence of tailgating last weekend at Homecoming, many students and alumni said they found the celebrations lacking.

"I thought it was horrible. People thought it was too restrictive," said 1998 alumna Jaime Kwiatkowski.

Senior Dave Kohne, who is on the soccer team, said the attendance at the game was lower than Homecoming games in the past. "Comparable to other Homecoming games I don't think it was so big," Kohne said.

Aside from the playing field, the two tents located east of the tennis courts, provided food and beverages for \$5 and only allowed those 21 and over inside.

One alumnus compared socializing underneath the two tents provided by Alumni Relations to a train wreck.

"It was a train wreck underneath that tent. There were only two ticket stampers and somewhere between four and six people handing out beer," said 1998 alumnus Frank Carr.

Jennifer Watson, assistant director of alumni relations, was not expecting the turnout they received.

"We only prepared for 300 and ended up having 600, which I think exceeds any sort of number we had for tailgating," she said.

Watson agreed that the layout and access of the beverages and food was difficult, but added that it will be taken care of for next year.

President Anderson sees room for improvement.

"I thought it went extremely well. I think that the people there had a good time. I think we learned a lot of how to make it better next year," he said.

Students and alumni expressed their feelings toward the four-drink maximum that was placed on every ticket holder.

"It is had enough that Mary Washington baby-sat me while I was a student, but now that I am beyond their gate in the real world, they won't allow me to regulate my own alcohol consumption," Carr said.

Watson said the four-drink maximum was in place due to the pricing of tickets. Watson said they looked into selling

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Gender Ratio At MWC Higher Than Advertised

By Jeff Graham
Bullet Assistant Sports Editor

Martin Wilder, vice president for admissions and financial aid reported to the Board of Visitors in September that MWC continues to have trouble attracting male applicants.

While the college advertises its female to male ratio as "approximately" 60 percent female to 40 percent male, numbers taken from the most recent student census show the gender difference to be much larger.

Bonnie Sievert, program support technician senior for the Office of Planning, Assessment and Institutional Research, said that the number of full-time undergraduates at MWC this semester is 2567 female students and 1239 male students, or a ratio of 67 percent female to 33 percent male student body.

Wilder said that when part-time students are taken into account, the ratio adjusts to 65/35 percent.

He said, "It has been a recent struggle for [admissions] to attract more high quality male applicants."

The percentage of male applicants this year was the same as last year, but the percentage of female applicants rose 17 percent.

Wilder said one of the reasons the college has trouble attracting male applicants is that outside of Virginia, many students have not heard of Mary Washington College. When college information is sent out to prospective students, Wilder said, the college's name is the first thing people see.

"When you tell people where you go to college, the first thing they probably ask you is 'Isn't that a female school?' People make erroneous assumptions that Mary Washington is a private women's college,"

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Police Chief Resigns Under Investigation

By Anna Jordan
Bullet Issues Editor

Police Chief Greg Perry resigned his position with the MWC Police Department on Sept. 24 after nearly eight years on the force. At the time of his resignation, Perry had been on administrative leave and under investigation by the state for more than four months.

Perry and First Sergeant Steven Simmons were placed on administrative leave with pay on May 1 pending an investigation into charges of discrimination. Although Perry has resigned, Simmons is still under investigation and on the MWC payroll.

Bernard Chirico, vice president of student affairs, confirmed Perry's resignation.

"I informed the police department recently that Greg Perry has resigned," he said. Perry contacted Chirico with his decision to resign which was effective Sept. 24.

Perry and Simmons were not available for comment. Both men have unlisted phone numbers and neither the police department nor administrators were willing to contact the men or give out their numbers.

The police department would not comment on the resignation or on the investigation.

"It is a personnel matter and we are not permitted to comment on it," said MWC Lt. Richard Knick.

The Department of Personnel and Training is still investigating the charges after five months. Midge Poyck, executive vice president and chief financial officer for MWC said in a May 12 Free Lance-Star article that the investigation was expected to take a few weeks.

The state is keeping any new developments in the case confidential. George Gardner of the Department of Personnel and Training would not comment on details or the length of the investigation.

"All I can say is that we are trying to expedite completion as soon as humanly possible," Gardner said.

While Perry was on administrative leave, Lt. Leigh Collins was designated as acting chief of the department. Collins, who is currently on sick leave, still has the role of acting chief, according to Knick.

With the position of MWC police chief vacant, the Fredericksburg Police Department has had to take on some campus police duties.

Permit parking regulation has been increased by the Fredericksburg police, according to Captain Richard Wright of the Fredericksburg police department.

Administrators in charge of hiring for the police department were not available to comment on the plans to fill the vacant position.



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Former Police Chief Greg Perry resigned on Sept. 24 after being investigated by the state for months.

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Weekend Weather

Friday: Partly cloudy. High 54. Low 34.
Saturday: Sunny. High 62. Low 35.
Sunday: Sunny. High 65. Low 35.



Police Beat

By Penny Beverage
Bulletin Staff Writer

DUI/DIP

- Oct. 14—Katherine Fohl, 22, of Beaverdam, Va., was charged with DIP.
- Oct. 17—Charles Floyd, 21, a commuting student, was charged with DIP.
- Oct. 17—James Archy, 21, a commuting student, was charged with DIP.

ILLNESS/INJURY

- Oct. 6—A student tripped in the stairwell of Randolph Hall. The student refused treatment by the emergency medical squad.
- Oct. 17—An intoxicated student in Jefferson Hall was

transported by ambulance to the emergency room.

LARCENY

- Oct. 6—A mountain bike, valued at \$300, was stolen from Madison Hall.
- Oct. 15—A television was stolen from Custis Hall. The television was valued at \$500.
- Oct. 16—A video cassette recorder, valued at \$200, was stolen from Custis Hall.

VANDALISM

- Oct. 17—An unknown individual discharged a fire extinguisher in Jefferson Hall.

MISC.

- Oct. 8—A suspicious phone call, received in Westmoreland Hall, was reported to the police.
- Oct. 14—A student was referred to the administration for allegedly spitting from the balcony of Dodd Auditorium.
- Oct. 15—Brett Morgan, 19, of Richmond, Va., was charged with underage possession of alcohol.
- Oct. 17—A residential student was found intoxicated and taken to Night Haven.
- Oct. 8—A vehicle was struck by a tree on campus.

S.G.A. Beat

By Maylian Pak
SGA Press Secretary

- Stretch track, a proposal that would create 75-minute classes on Mondays and Wednesdays, was brought back into consideration by the faculty. The SGA is preparing its rebuttal to the proposal.
- Legislation proposed by Sen. John Warner (R-Va.) that would allow colleges to notify the parents of any college student under 21 if the student violates a college's alcohol policy, passed both houses of congress and was signed into law by President Bill Clinton.
- Roy Weinstock, vice president for planning, assessment, and institutional research, attended Wednesday's Senate meeting to discuss MWC 2000. MWC 2000 is a plan dealing with issues ranging from enrollment to student affairs to the faculty. Weinstock

encouraged students to read the MWC 2000 document and give him their input. On Nov. 9, Weinstock will be available to discuss MWC 2000 with students in the Lee Hall Ballroom.

- There were five hearings for students who pleaded guilty to forging the signatures of professors. Sanctions ranged from community service to a two-semester suspension.
- Honor Awareness Week is Nov. 2. Octoberfest in Westmoreland Hall is Oct. 23 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., and the Sun Dance will be held in Russell Hall on Oct. 23 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
- A senator is needed to represent South Hall.
- The Student check-cashing service, SAX, will start next week.



Compiled by Penny Beverage

Peace Summit In Maryland Continues

President Bill Clinton, Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat are currently holding peace talks on the eastern shore of Maryland. This peace summit was supposed to end on Oct. 19, but was extended to a sixth day on Tuesday, when a grenade was launched on a busstop in Israel, killing 66 people. President Clinton cancelled an upcoming two-day fundraising trip to California to remain at the meeting and try to negotiate a settlement between Israel and Palestine.

Antitrust Suit Against Microsoft Begins

The Justice Department began its antitrust lawsuit against the software company Microsoft on Monday, Oct. 19. The federal government and 20 individual states are suing Microsoft, charging that the company is abusing its monopoly in the computer software industry. The government claims that by selling its Internet Explorer web browser with the Windows 98 program, Microsoft is preventing competition and violating the Sherman Antitrust Act of 1891. Bill Gates, founder and CEO of Microsoft, will not testify at the trial, but he gave a deposition in August.

Tyson Regains Nevada Boxing License

Earlier this week, former heavy-weight champion Mike Tyson regained his license to box in Nevada. Tyson lost his boxing license last year for biting a piece out of the ear of current heavy-weight champion Evander Holyfield during a title match. Tyson could fight again as early as December.

Voters in Five States and District Could Legalize Pot For Patients

On Nov. 3, voters in Alaska, Colorado, Nevada, Oregon, Washington and the District of Columbia will decide whether doctors in their state can dispense marijuana as a painkiller to patients with AIDS, cancer and other ailments. A similar measure passed in California in 1996.

Campus Information

- Fredericksburg AIDS Walk '98, a five-kilometer walk through Fredericksburg, will be held on Nov. 7. Registration for the walk starts at 9 a.m. in Ball Circle. The walk will begin at 10 a.m. and all proceeds from the event will go to the Fredericksburg Area HIV/AIDS Support Services. For more information call 654-1055.
- Guitarist John Johns will visit campus on Oct. 23. Johns will hold a workshop entitled "Guitar Music and Devices" in Pollard Hall, Room 304, at 4 p.m. The workshop is free. At 7:30 p.m. Johns is holding a recital in Lee Hall Ballroom, which is also free. For more information call 654-1012.

- The Mary Washington College Chorus will hold a concert in Dodd Auditorium on Oct. 25 at 7:30 p.m. The concert is free. For more information call 654-1960.
- Keith Colston, a Tuscarora-Lumbee Native American, will hold a dance and cultural workshop, on Nov. 3 at 7 p.m. in Lee Ballroom. The workshop is free. For more information call 654-1044.
- "Encore," the Mary Washington College Show Choir, will hold concerts in Dodd Auditorium, Nov. 6-7, at 7:30 p.m. on both nights. The concerts are free. For more information call 654-1960.

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the case and Engles has obtained a public defender to represent him.

Fines declined to comment on whether he might accept a plea bargain from Engles' lawyer or what sentence Fines might recommend if Engles is convicted because, Fines said, he had not had a chance to look at the case yet.

"There are so many factors going into this case," Fines said. "I don't know if [Engles] has a criminal record, or a record of this kind of offense, or how serious the offense was."

As the case against Engles has developed, facts about the alleged peeping incident on Oct. 2 are also emerging slowly.

Knick said that the individuals in that incident were wearing masks, which is also a violation of state code. But rather than being arrested, the individuals, who police will not identify, have been referred to the administration.

According to Craddock, the second incident was not a peeping, but a prank. Some male residents of Randolph put on masks that resemble those used in the movie "Scream." Wearing the masks, Craddock said, the students went behind the building to look into first floor windows as a joke.

"It was a joke some guys in the building were doing that the girls did not find funny," Craddock said. "The guys did not know what had gone on with the first incident."

Bob Franklin, assistant director for Mason, Randolph and Russell Halls, said that the individuals involved in this incident did not mean any harm.

"They were extremely apologetic," Franklin said.

The administration will now decide if any disciplinary action will be taken against the men involved in the mask incident.

Roy Weinstock, vice president for planning assessment and institutional research, who heads up

the Student Conduct Hearing Board, a body which holds hearings and decides upon the punishment for students involved in disciplinary matters, said that at the moment, the decision over what to do about this matter is totally in the hands of the Office of Student Affairs.

"The decision about having a hearing is up to them," Weinstock said. "They have to decide if [the charge] falls under the general heading of sexual assault. If it doesn't come to me then it is my guess that any punishment handed down will remain in student affairs."

The Office of Student Affairs declined to comment on the matter. The secretary for Bernard Chirico, vice president for student affairs and dean of the students, said that Raymond Tuttle, associate director for residence life and judicial affairs, would know more about the matter than Chirico would.

Tuttle, however said he had to consult with Chirico before making any comment about the incident, who would decide or when it might be decided.

While the administration is staying tight-lipped, Craddock is making sure everybody in the building knows what has been going on and how to keep from being peeped in the future.

On Oct. 5 Craddock held a building meeting to inform all the residents about the series of peeping incidents that have occurred this year and to tell students about safety precautions they need to take, such as putting blinds on their windows and keeping the blinds closed.

"After the prank we explained to residents the safety concerns on all floors," she said. "The girls are scared but they are doing things to prevent it now. They all have blinds in their bathrooms now."

Craddock said that since she held the building meeting there have been no further peeping incidents reported to her.

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During the Sept. 18 BOV meeting, board members asked Bernard Chirico, vice president for student affairs and dean of the students, if he thought FRED provided adequate transportation around Fredericksburg for students. Chirico said no, FRED was not adequate.

FRED officials may listen closely to any concerns college administrators may have with the bus system because the college helps fund FRED.

"Mary Washington contributes \$25,000 annually," said Midge Poock, executive vice president and chief financial officer.

Martin said that FRED officials plan to work closely with the school in upcoming months to find out what students want. Before winter break, she said, the college will send each student an e-mail survey asking which hours and destinations for routes are the most desirable.

Martin said that she feels that students are pleased with the overall system, and that the few adjustments students feel are needed could be done.

FRED will be expanding its routes soon. Starting in December, the bus system will add routes that travel farther into Spotsylvania County, including stops at Salem Church Road, Massaponax Wal-Mart and Germanna Community College.

Weekend hours may also be in the works. "Our manager is always getting input from riders, and we probably will have weekends in the future," said Ken Umbel, a FRED bus driver.

As the ban on freshman parking comes closer, Chirico and Martin Wilder, vice president for admissions and financial aid, will also be addressing concerns students have with other modes of transportation.

"Parents expressed a concern with far-away transportation for students to get home," Chirico said. "We are looking into getting reduced ticket prices on the Virginia Rail Express."

Corrections

In the Oct. 8, 1998 Bulletin article entitled "College Staris Planning for University Status" Phil Hall was incorrectly identified as vice president for academic affairs and dean of the students. His correct title is vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty.

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beverages separately, but were not sure how it could be done with the estimated crowd of 300 people.

"There still should have been the option to purchase more beer," Carr said.

Anderson said the four-drink maximum was implemented because of alcohol licensing as well as maintaining the guidelines of the ABC.

"We have a responsibility when we have Homecoming to make sure it is run in a way so the ABC people see that it is run responsibly," he said.

Students who are under 21 were excluded from the tent, which encompassed the Homecoming activities outside of the sports teams playing on the field.

Cynthia Snyder, director of alumni relations, said that her only concern during Homecoming is to bring the alumni together.

"This is an alumni event and that is what our responsibility is," Snyder said.

Senior Mike Canty went to watch the sports teams play during Homecoming, but he did not go in the tent, even though he is 21, because he did not think students should be separated from alumni.

"I think it is a little unfair that when you try and have a college-wide event you create an exclusive environment where only people who are over 21 can go," Canty said.

Sophomore Ben Hite did not attend Homecoming this year,

because he didn't feel like he was included, unlike last year.

"Homecoming was cool last year because everyone was interacting and having a good time. But this year I was pissed off because they segregated those who were over 21 from those who were under 21," Hite said.

Carr also didn't like being separated from the students.

"We were quarantined like a bunch of sick freaks that were going to infect the underclassmen," Carr said.

Canty said, "It would be nice to create an environment where students could speak to alumni so they feel like they are part of a community larger than our campus."

President Anderson addressed the concerns of students feeling excluded from the festivities, saying that the interests of recent alumni, who bring their families and the students who attend are different.

"The needs of alumni and students are not the same," Anderson said.

Anderson said he hopes to provide something for the students that will include them more in the Homecoming events.

Events such as "spirit week," which started this year, and possibly putting a tent in Ball Circle the Friday before Homecoming are some ways Anderson hopes will fill that gap.

"The number of alumni coming back with families will grow. At the same time, we have to make sure students have fun as well," Anderson

said.

Brooks L'Allier, student government association president, said spirit week included a lip sync, a Rusted Root concert and a bonfire on Friday to recognize the sports teams and kickoff homecoming.

Although L'Allier said spirit week is a step in the right direction, he felt that spirit week should not be the only event that the students can be involved in over the weekend.

"Spirit week should get everyone's energy up to want to go to Homecoming, not in place of it," he said.

Anderson is hoping to include more tents next year, possibly including department-sponsored tents, an idea suggested by psychology professor Toher Bill to him during Homecoming.

But those under 21 will still not be allowed into the tents next year on Homecoming day, according to Anderson.

"We'll find ways to continue to make it fun for everyone. I want to see it continue to build," he said.

Earlier this year, Anderson said that he was considering asking the rugby club to play on the road in order for tailgating to take place.

Now, he has decided against this. "We are not going to take away rugby," he said. "Everyone is going to be included. Nobody is going to be excluded."

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OPINIONS

Homecoming 1998: A Total Embarrassment

After careful, scientific journalistic research, an important conclusion arrived last Saturday—that Homecoming '98 was a complete disaster. Of course, no one on campus knows this, because no one was there.

Attendance at the sporting events, never one of Mary Washington's strong suits anyway, was as mediocre ever. Attendance at keg parties off-campus, meanwhile, was higher than ever. Heck, more people had passed out by noon than had showed up at the Battleground.

Here are some actual quotes taken from the scattered few seen at the wasteland of Saturday's Homecoming (names withheld to protect these scabs who showed up from being blackballed at future keg races):

"This sucks." (Heard frequently.)

"This is depressing." (Most psychologically troubling.)

"This makes our school look worse than it is." (This one really hurts.)

"I'm giving my diploma back because this is embarrassing." (Most practical.)

But, you say, there were quite a few folks underneath the "tent" set up by the Wood Company. Actually, there were quite a few *alumni*—no students. Students knew better than to pay for four drinks under a carnival tent. Probably 80 percent of the student body couldn't get inside anyway.

Of course, no one really knows what caused this travesty. The reason *du jour* is that it was lack of space that caused this. All of the sudden, we had 25 home games on Homecoming. Even the basketballing team was at home on Saturday. So all the fields and the all the parking lots were filled up. (Well, actually we make sure the parking lots are empty, serving no purpose whatsoever, and force people to walk from miles away.)

But the real reason, as everyone knows, is underage drinking. That's what the official letter to alumni said—we cannot condone underage drinking.

Well guess what? Underage drinking was rampant on Saturday. It just didn't take place in a safe environment supervised by police officers (except for those who went to Spanky's, which also outdrew Homecoming '98). Nor did it take place where students could root for the MWC teams. Instead, students were rooting for their roommates as they took keg stands.

And oh, the poor senior class. What a way to go out with a bang. Or a flush. The only people who feel worse than the seniors right now are the alumni who travelled more than 30 miles to the "festivities."

Maybe next year, we can rent out Homecoming to a movie company, one that wants to film a scene in a deserted, barren environment.

At least that way, somebody other than the Wood Company would enjoy Homecoming.

Student Rejects Dishonorable Double-Standard

By Andrew Ward
Guest Columnist

The Honor Code at Mary Washington is a double-edged sword that the administration wields menacingly over its students.

It is a tool used to incriminate us of any suspected infraction while it acts as a shield for them. It is a one way road in their favor that somehow places them above it.

At Mary Washington today the students are under the constant watch of the faculty, staff, administration and Resident Assistants.

The goal is to surround the students with such avid enforcers and judgemental observers that they will be deterred from lying, cheating and stealing. I did not know that this was the optimal method by which to enforce an Honor Code.

There can be little dispute over the matter that there must be honesty and integrity in order to uphold the ideals of this or any school.

However, it is the means by and the attitude with which it is upheld that can be described as deplorable. The student body is expected and forced to tell the truth to, obey and, above all, trust the administrators.

On the contrary, they are in no way required to do the same for us. An example is if a student, suspected of cheating on a test, is confronted by the professor. The professor asks him directly if he has cheated. If the student replies in the negative, the matter should be dropped immediately.

Another example is a Resident Assistant smelling alcohol coming

from a student's room. If the RA asks the student if he is beer in the refrigerator and if he may look inside and the student says no, the issue should be forgotten.

Regardless of what far-reaching cockamamie story the student provides for the explanation of the odor of alcohol (he is still on his honor as a result of the Honor convocation), the RA is obligated to believe him and strike the entire incident from the record.

It is entirely insignificant and unfair to record any of it. The fact is that we have an Honor Code. In order to sustain a state of honorable equality, the faculty, staff and administration must trust the word of the students implicitly and unquestioningly.

This is not always the case on Mary Washington campus. Gross violations of this simple and literal interpretation of the Honor Code on the part of the administration occur regularly.

In many instances when the administration does not get the answers it wants from a suspected perpetrator, the tendency is to seek out others around the particular victim and extract confessions.

Such was the case two weeks ago when a student allegedly broke a residence hall windowpane and when he did not admit to breaking it, certain staff members threatened the defendants' friends with Honor Code violation charges if they did not turn him in.

Do you hear that, gentle reader? Pangs of the Spanish Inquisition, where horrific fire sears the flesh of unrepentant heretics.

It is time for some people to come down off their high horses of above-the-law self-righteousness and start mucking around with us plebeian students. We do, after all, pay their salaries; the least they can do is adhere to the same standards they set for us.

Maybe a watchdog organization to monitor and doubt every public statement this school issues would give the administration a good taste of its own medicine.

Unless we can all abide by the same code of honor and integrity, unless we take each other's words at face value

and trust one another, unless we can actually operate as symbiotic equals, there will always be opposition and alienation between the students and the administration, faculty and staff.

The Honor Code at this school is a joke, but not a very funny one. It has been transformed into a totalitarianism of student subjugation.

We must become aware of the problem and begin forming ideas as to how to solve it. Otherwise Big Brother will go on watching us, without anyone to watch him.

Andrew Ward is a sophomore.

There Will Be No
CARTOON THIS WEEK DUE
TO THE FACT THAT THE
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PLEASE ACCEPT OUR
APOLOGIES.



Cartoon by Gregory Greven

Letters to the Editor

Scott Lyons Responds To Article

Editor:

I am writing to correct the erroneous implications of certain remarks reported in the recent article describing my resignation from the post of Vice President for College Advancement.

To begin, it was unclear what Ron Singleton intended when he said recent trends in college giving have not met expectations.

This assertion, together with comments attributed to Dr. Anderson, might lead one to conclude that the development staff's performance has been inadequate in recent years.

In reporting Mr. Singleton's comment that the number of donors declined during the 1997-98 fund year, the article neglected to mention that the previous year's donor total had reached an all-time high (because of our Hofer Challenge campaign).

Some fall-off from that peak was to be expected. It would have been informative to add that the 1996-97 fund year also saw a 21 percent increase in unrestricted giving—the lifeblood of any collegiate fundraising program. This unrestricted giving total was an all-time high, as well.

As for the 1997-98 fund year, significant dollar gains were achieved in alumni giving, President's Council giving and in gifts for scholarships (in response to our Year of the Scholarship campaign).

The article might also have mentioned that total giving for 1997-98 was at a near-record level.

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Their record, when presented without distortion, speaks for itself. And the initiatives they began over the past three years will pay dividends for a long time to come.

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I hasten to add, however, that the fact that current-year receipts are ahead of the previous year's pace is immaterial.

Because solicitation efforts don't typically produce a measurable impact until later in the fall, it is too early to begin making point-to-point comparisons.

Finally, I will answer the reporter's question regarding whether I was pressured to resign. Contrary to the intimation in the article, he did not ask that question when we spoke.

Had he asked me, I would have told him that I resigned of my own accord for my own reasons.

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caring faculty and highly supportive alumni.

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R. Scott Lyons
Former Vice-President for College Advancement

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Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to react to John Snellgrove's "Where's The Beef?" article about meatless coleslaw.

Now, maybe I live under a rock, but I have never heard of meat being placed in coleslaw. So I called home. I asked my sister and my mother and they also said that they had never heard of meat being put in coleslaw.

Granted all three of us are vegetarians, but my mother used to eat meat back in the "glory days of meat." I'm sure my mother even drank hamburger cola.

But frankly, what is disturbing about Mr. Snellgrove's complaint is that he doesn't realize how much choice he already has. There usually is a noticeable lack of vegetarian and especially vegan entrees and side dishes (although the Wood Co. is steadily improving).

Take for instance the salads at Eagle's Nest. If you are vegan, the only choice you have is the garden salad with its less than nutritious iceberg lettuce.

The other salads have cheese or meat on them in spite of repeated attempts of mine to suggest they offer the cheese as a side item.

If I want pasta, my choice of sauces are marinara or marinara. If I want soup I can only trust the Vegetarian Vegetable because the others have beef or chicken broth in them. So I would like to politely suggest that Mr. Snellgrove realize the breadth of his options in food and not gripe over a meatless coleslaw.

Ginger Phemister
Senior

Student States True Intentions Regarding Psi Upsilon

Editor:

This letter is in response to "Women in Defense of Psi Upsilon," which was written by Carla DiCorpo and Megan McIlwain, regarding my previous letter to the editor, "Bashing Psi Upsilon." I believe that DiCorpo and McIlwain neglected to read my letter with sufficient attention and that their arguments greatly misconstrued and misinterpreted my ideas.

First of all, according to the two writers, I voiced my "disgust at the fraternity" and I made

an "attack on Psi Upsilon" based on controversial fliers distributed around campus, and nothing more.

What must be understood, however, is that I was not disgusted at the organization itself—I was simply criticizing its advertisements. I said in my letter "I have a problem with this flier" but in no place did I say anything about having a problem with Psi Upsilon.

The title of my letter, "Bashing Psi Upsilon," was not chosen by myself; it was assigned by the Bulletin staff and it had nothing to do with my complaint. I was merely bashing an offensive and demeaning image that I found plastered all over campus. DiCorpo and McIlwain also said that the fliers weren't meant to degrade women or promote underage drinking.

Of course they weren't made with the intent of being offensive, but the fact is they were offensive. As far as underage drinking goes, it is obvious that the people who are pledging "are free to make up their own minds about the choices they make," as DiCorpo and McIlwain assert.

Nobody's putting a gun to the pledge's heads and forcing them to take a swig. But a rush week ad (and rush weeks are generally designed to appeal to freshmen, right?) which screams out "Beer!" might be indicative of activities that allow, even encourage, underage people to drink.

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Willard and Virginia dorms will decorate a float representing the "townies," Tri-Unit and Westmoreland, the University of Virginia, Mason and Randolph, Randolph-Macon College; Jefferson and Bushnell, Quantico; and Russell and Marshall, the United States Naval Academy.

The small houses, Brent, Marye, and Anne Fairfax, will decorate a float whose theme will remain a secret until the parade. Framar's float will also be a secret.

The eighth float will be one by the men in Trench Hill. It will represent Mary Washington College.

The parade will begin at the Monroe gates and move down Campus Drive to the golf course. The parade will include the floats, a drill team made up of MWC girls, a band from a local high school, and a convertible carrying the Homecoming King.

The candidates for Homecoming King are all the men who live in Trench Hill. The candidates will decide among themselves who the Homecoming King will be.

The lucky winner will ride in a convertible in the parade sitting between the coaches of the two football teams and be crowned during halftime at the football game.

The football game will begin at 3:30 after the parade. A team made up of seniors and sophomores and a team of juniors and freshmen will oppose each other in a vigorous game of flag football.

Cheering each team will be a squad of cheerleaders made up of their classmates. At half-time the drill team will perform, and the Homecoming King will be crowned by a surprise guest.

The football game, which should end about 5:30, will be followed by a picnic supper on the golf course. The dining hall is supplying the supper which will include hot dogs, hamburgers, potato salad, hot chocolate and soft drinks.

It is hoped that 3.2 beer will also be available. The bonfire will be lit around 6 p.m. so that the participants will be able to watch the bonfire while they are eating their dinner.

A Socialite's Guide To Homecoming Fashions

By Anita Waters

The girls of Mary Washington College will no longer be deprived of the excitement of a Homecoming celebration.

From the moment you hear your name being called and see your suitemate clutching the receiver of the phone, and hear the orgasmic whisper, "It's a guy!" it's just one thrilling moment after another.

Of course, there will be certain problems arising. What to wear, for example, is often a worry weeks in advance.

In spite of the casualness of the affair, you will certainly want to discard those everyday blue jeans. After all, you only wear them everyday because everyone else does.

Here is your first chance to get into some of the groovy new winter fashions. There are many different styles to choose from, but be careful not to be a "follower" imitating the taste of your friends.

The idea on fashion these days is originality. "Do your own thing!" For some correct styles in fashion this year, consult *Glamour* and *Seventeen* magazines.

Some comments are needed on clothes and the nature of the homecoming celebration. The football game and the parade will require practical, but fashionable, shoes.

But aside from that, do not let the mud and possible liquor stains stop you from wearing an appropriate, however expensive, outfit. A dry cleaner's bill is a small price to pay for being in style.

The question on being date-less for the big day is not unsolvable. Examine every possibility, for it would be a great social blow to be left out of this gala affair. How about your roommate's seventeen-year-old cousin

Howie, the one with the crew-cut and motorcycle jacket? Even Howie would certainly be better than staying at home with your psychology book.

Hopefully, your teachers will understand the event's importance and not to plan any tests or assignments for most of this week.

If not, appeal to them, beg if necessary, for they surely must understand that application of makeup to achieve the "Natural look" sometimes takes hours.

If they don't understand, well, you'll just have to decide which is more important—a little quiz in A&P or a chance to see the homecoming king crowned.

One last word—watch your manners. Ponder carefully before you do or say anything. Under the eyes of so many impressive and scholarly young men and women, a faux pas may mean the end of your career as a socialite.

A worse fate than this is not known. What else is there to life besides hair rollers and new clothes?

Is there anything you would rather spend twenty dollars on than makeup???

—Compiled by Carolyn Leskowitz

GM Plant On A Roll In Fredericksburg

By Matthew Clisiz
Bulletin Features Editor

If you are the proud owner of an automatic General Motors vehicle, you should be happy to know that part of your transmission was manufactured right here in Fredericksburg.

Yes, just south of the city on Rt. 2 we have a GM Powertrain plant that assembles every torque converter clutch going into GM cars' and trucks' automatic transmissions.

So what exactly is a torque converter clutch?

"It is a very small but very important component of the GM automatic transmission," said Sally Backstrom, personnel director at the Fredericksburg plant.

In basic terms, the torque converter clutch is a vital part of the automatic transmission. After the engine generates the power, energy is allocated to the transmission through the torque converter.

Inside the torque converter lies the torque converter clutch.

The clutch takes energy from the engine and assists in distributing it to the transmission. The transmission then makes your wheels move and your car go.

The actual clutch does not consist of many parts. However, GM has a patented type of paper that is adhered to the outer edge of the clutch.

GM representatives say this is vital in making the clutches fuel-efficient. In fact, according to Backstrom, that paper rim is one of the best fuel economy measures for the corporation.

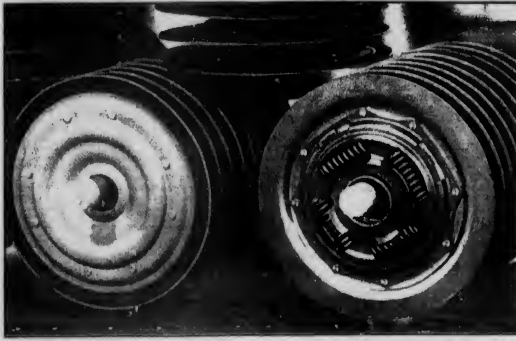
"A well-functioning clutch can really save the customer at the gas pump. We're not talking about pennies here; this is money that you can notice. Our clutches really add to the efficiency of the transmission," Backstrom said.

The GM Powertrain plant here in Fredericksburg manufactures about a dozen different torque converter clutches. The parts remain the same, but the sizes vary.

Torque converter clutches are measured in millimeters by their diameter. For example, a 245 clutch has a diameter of 245 millimeters.

"The smaller the car or truck, the smaller the clutch," Backstrom said.

The term Powertrain, though technical-sounding, refers to the system that engages the car or truck to move; the engine that



Courtesy of the Free Lance-Star

Here, a finished set of torque-converter clutches is ready to be shipped out of the Fredericksburg GM Powertrain plant.

generates the power and the transmission which extends through the bottom of the vehicle and makes the wheels go.

The actual design process for the clutch takes place in Michigan, but the job is executed here in Spotsylvania County.

Once produced, the finished clutch is sent to other Powertrain plants in Michigan and even as far as France.

According to Backstrom, the clutch is then placed into the converter and finally into the transmission.

"The smaller components are assembled into the larger components which are assembled into the larger components and before you know it, you are sending an entire transmission and engine to a car or truck assembly plant where it gets placed into the actual car," Backstrom said.

Though one of the smallest GM plants, GM Powertrain of Fredericksburg is one of the largest employers in the area. It employs over 300 people.

Both salaried and paid by the hour, the staff comes from all over the country. Of the around 270-person hourly work force, about half are natives of the Fredericksburg area.

The other half are transferred from all over the country, according to Backstrom.

"Virginia and the East Coast are beautiful, so the list of people wanting to transfer to this plant is immense," Backstrom said.

According to Backstrom, state-of-the-art equipment and cellular technology enable GM

Powertrain workers to manufacture the product quickly and efficiently.

Different from the traditional methods of assembly line production, cellular technology allows the worker to move around a station and assemble the part instead of remaining in one spot, performing a menial task all day.

Being the closest GM plant to the Washington D.C. area, the plant received much attention from the D.C. news media this past summer during the GM strike.

Although it was not hit as hard as other plants, GM Powertrain in Fredericksburg stopped production of almost all of its parts and sent the majority of its hourly workforce home in late June.

Workers did not return to work until the strike was settled in Flint, Michigan on July 28.

GM Powertrain employees enjoy its location in the Fredericksburg area, according to Backstrom.

They take part in many community activities, trying to give back to the community as much as they can.

"We feel fortunate to be part of this community. We owe the Fredericksburg area a great deal—they are very kind to us and we are kind to them," said Backstrom.

According to Backstrom, GM Powertrain participates in the local Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club and the United Way.

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a features column by the Bulletin staff

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to Rusted Root, for putting on a great show last week

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Karen Pearlman/ Bulletin

Sub-Fest '98

Ben Kohler challenged Adam Berenbak to a six-foot sub-eating contest last Sunday afternoon. The eight-hour eating frenzy ended in a tie with one stuffed sophomore an equally full junior.

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The theme of Homecoming is "Bring the Boys Home." MWC is known as a "suitcase school" because the girls here pack up and leave every weekend to go to other colleges, where they also attend homecomings.

Therefore it was decided that MWC should have its own Homecoming, so the boys can come here. Coordinators hope that Homecoming will be a big success and become tradition here.

To carry out the theme of Homecoming, seven floats in the parade will be decorated to represent some of the colleges where MWC students date.

Willard and Virginia dorms will decorate a float representing the "townies," Tri-Unit and Westmoreland, the University of Virginia, Mason and Randolph, Randolph-Macon College; Jefferson and Bushnell, Quantico; and Russell and Marshall, the United States Naval Academy.

The small houses, Brent, Marye, and Anne Fairfax, will decorate a float whose theme will remain a secret until the parade. Framar's float will also be a secret.

The eighth float will be one by the men in Trench Hill. It will represent Mary Washington College.

The parade will begin at the Monroe gates and move down Campus Drive to the golf course. The parade will include the floats, a drill team made up of MWC girls, a band from a local high school, and a convertible carrying the Homecoming King.

The candidates for Homecoming King are all the men who live in Trench Hill. The candidates will decide among themselves who the Homecoming King will be.

The lucky winner will ride in a convertible in the parade sitting between the coaches of the two football teams and be crowned during halftime at the football game.

The football game will begin at 3:30 after the parade. A team made up of seniors and sophomores and a team of juniors and freshmen will oppose each other in a vigorous game of flag football.

Cheering each team will be a squad of cheerleaders made up of their classmates. At half-time the drill team will perform, and the Homecoming King will be crowned by a surprise guest.

The football game, which should end about 5:30, will be followed by a picnic supper on the golf course. The dining hall is supplying the supper which will include hot dogs, hamburgers, potato salad, hot chocolate and soft drinks.

It is hoped that 3.2 beer will also be available. The bonfire will be lit around 6 p.m. so that the participants will be able to watch the bonfire while they are eating their dinner.

A Look At 1972

A Socialite's Guide To Homecoming Fashions

By Anita Waters

The girls of Mary Washington College will no longer be deprived of the excitement of a Homecoming celebration.

From the moment you hear your name being called and see your suitemate clutching the receiver of the phone, and hear the orgasmic whisper, "It's a guy!", it's just one thrilling moment after another.

Of course, there will be certain problems arising. What to wear, for example, is often a worry weeks in advance.

In spite of the casualness of the affair, you will certainly want to discard those everyday blue jeans. After all, you only wear them everyday because everyone else does.

Here is your first chance to get into some of the groovy new winter fashions. There are many different styles to choose from, but be careful not to be a "follower" imitating the taste of your friends.

The idea on fashion these days is originality. "Do your own thing!" For some correct styles in fashion this year, consult *Glamour* and *Seventeen* magazines.

Some comments are needed on clothes and the nature of the homecoming celebration. The football game and the parade will require practical, but fashionable, shoes.

But aside from that, do not let the mud and possible liquor stains stop you from wearing an appropriate, however expensive, outfit. A dry cleaner's bill is a small price to pay for being in style.

The question on being date-less for the big day is not unsolvable. Examine every possibility, for it would be a great social blow to be left out of this gala affair. How about your roommate's seventeen-year-old cousin?

Howie, the one with the crew-cut and motorcycle jacket? Even Howie would certainly be better than staying at home with your psychology book.

Hopefully, your teachers will understand the event's importance and not to plan any tests or assignments for most of this week.

If not, appeal to them, beg if necessary, for they surely must understand that application of makeup to achieve the "Natural look" sometimes takes hours.

If they don't understand, well, you'll just have to decide which is more important—a little quiz in A&P or a chance to see the homecoming king crowned.

One last word - watch your manners. Ponder carefully before you do or say anything. Under the eyes of so many impressive and scholarly young men and women, a faux pas may mean the end of your career as a socialite.

A worse fate than this is not known. What else is there to life besides hair rollers and new clothes?

Is there anything you would rather spend twenty dollars on than makeup???

-Compiled by Carolyn Leskowitz

GM Plant On A Roll In Fredericksburg

By Matthew Cliszis
Bulletin Features Editor

If you are the proud owner of an automatic General Motors vehicle, you should be happy to know that part of your transmission was manufactured right here in Fredericksburg.

Yes, just south of the city on Rt. 2 we have a GM Powertrain plant that assembles every torque converter clutch going into GM cars' and trucks' automatic transmissions.

So what exactly is a torque converter clutch?

"It is a very small but very important component of the GM automatic transmission," said Sally Backstrom, personnel director at the Fredericksburg plant.

In basic terms, the torque converter clutch is a vital part of the automatic transmission. After the engine generates the power, energy is allocated to the transmission through the torque converter.

Inside the torque converter lies the torque converter clutch.

The clutch takes energy from the engine and assists in distributing it to the transmission. The transmission then makes your wheels move and your car go.

The actual clutch does not consist of many parts. However, GM has a patented type of paper that is adhered to the outer edge of the clutch.

GM representatives say this is vital in making the clutches fuel-efficient. In fact, according to Backstrom, that paper roll is one of the best fuel economy measures for the corporation.

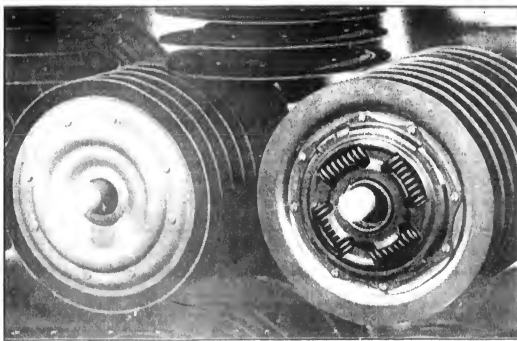
"A well-functioning clutch can really save the customer at the gas pump. We're not talking about pennies here; this is money that you can notice. Our clutches really add to the efficiency of the transmission," Backstrom said.

The GM Powertrain plant here in Fredericksburg manufactures about a dozen different torque converter clutches. The parts remain the same, but the sizes vary.

Torque converter clutches are measured in millimeters by their diameter. For example, a 245 clutch has a diameter of 245 millimeters.

"The smaller the car or truck, the smaller the clutch," Backstrom said.

The term Powertrain, though technical-sounding, refers to the system that engages the car or truck to move: the engine that



Courtesy of the Free Lance-Star

Here, a finished set of torque-converter clutches is ready to be shipped out of the Fredericksburg GM Powertrain plant.

generates the power and the transmission which extends through the bottom of the vehicle and makes the wheels go.

The actual design process for the clutch takes place in Michigan, but the job is completed here in Spotsylvania County.

Once produced, the finished clutch is sent to other Powertrain plants in Michigan and Canada.

Components for the clutch are then placed into the converter and tested using the transmission.

"The small components are then placed into the larger components which are then placed into the car or truck assembly line where it gets placed into the actual car. It's a smooth process," Backstrom said.

Though one of the smallest GM plants, GM Powertrain of Fredericksburg is one of the largest employers in the area. It employs over 300 people.

Both salaried and paid by the hour, the staff comes from all over the country. Of the around 270-person hourly work force, about half are natives of the Fredericksburg area.

The other half are transferred from all over the country, according to Backstrom.

"Virginia and the East Coast are beautiful, so the list of people wanting to transfer to this plant is immense," Backstrom said.

According to Backstrom, state-of-the-art equipment and cellular technology enable GM

Powertrain workers to manufacture the product quickly and efficiently.

Different from the traditional assembly line production, cellular technology allows the worker to move around a station and assemble the part instead of remaining in one spot, performing a menial task all day.

Being the closest GM plant to the Washington D.C. area, the plant has received attention from the D.C. newsmen during the GM strike.

Although it was not hit as hard as other plants, GM Powertrain in Fredericksburg stopped production of almost all of its parts and sent the majority of its hourly workforce home in late June.

Workers did not return to work until the strike was settled in Flint, Michigan on July 28.

GM Powertrain employees enjoy its location in the Fredericksburg area, according to Backstrom.

They take part in many community activities, trying to give back to the community as much as they can.

"We feel fortunate to be part of this community. We owe the Fredericksburg area a great deal—they are very kind to us and we are kind to them," said Backstrom.

According to Backstrom, GM Powertrain participates in the local Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club and the United Way.

THUMBS

a features column by the Bulletin staff

UP



to Rusted Root, for putting on a great show last week

DOWN



to Homecoming '98—it really sucked

UP



to the recently-renamed "Palmieri Memorial Plaza" in front of Monroe Hall

DOWN



to the VACU-AIM machine for constantly being out of service—C'mon, it's the only one on campus

UP



to the MWC Eagle mascot, for wearing a sign that read, "Cheer For Beer: Lift The Ban On Tailgating" at the Homecoming games

DOWN



to the Wood Company for changing the starting day for meal plans without telling students. Many of us have no more meals this week

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Sub-Fest '98

Ben Kohler challenged Adam Berenbak to a six-foot sub-eating contest last Sunday afternoon. The eight-hour eating frenzy ended in a tie with one stuffed sophomore an equally full junior.

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SPORTS

Women's Soccer Leaves Methodist Feeling Unwelcome At Homecoming

By Christian Smith

Bulletin Staff Writer

Golterender Katy Cohen stood alone at the end of the field on a sunsplashed Saturday afternoon Homecoming gameday. There are two reasons she stood alone.

First, Methodist College could not come even remotely close to penetrating the Eagles' stifling defense. Second, this marked the first Homecoming in recent memory that the Battleground parking lot was not overflowing with noisy spectators.

Despite this new-looking Homecoming, the Eagles gave the fans exactly what they expected—another victory. This time, the Eagles demolished the usually steady Methodist College by a score of 11-2. The offensive fireworks were especially nice because seven different players accounted for the scoring.

"That was a really good game

because we want to be able to show that we have several scoring threats, not just one or two," said coach Kurt Glaeser.

The Eagles' balanced and dominating offense was almost enough to draw pity towards Methodist from the crowded Battleground bleachers.

"We were really trying not to run up the score," Glaeser said after the game.

The victory put the Eagles back on a winning track following a 0-0 tie against Catholic. Their record now stands at 11-1-1, good enough for first place in the CAC and South region.

The team was excited about winning in front of the Homecoming crowd, but couldn't help notice some differences from years past.

"There weren't as many people as last year because of the tent. That kind of put a damper on things," said sophomore Martine St. Germain.

Sophomore Laura Stafford echoed

St. Germain's comments.

"Our fans are always real supportive, but it was still a little disappointing compared to last year," she said.

The Eagles have three regular-season games left before the CAC Tournament begins next week.

"We've definitely got some challenges left before the season is over," said Glaeser.

All three games are on the road, which is somewhat of a concern to the squad, according to Glaeser.

"We haven't performed very well on the road this season. We're young and concerned about these next three games," he said.

The Eagles will travel to Marymount University, York College, and North Carolina Wesleyan to conclude the regular season.

**Next Game: 7 p.m.
Friday at Marymount.**

Women's Soccer Division III Top 20

1. Washington U.(MO)	12-1-0
2. Macalester	13-1-0
3. William Paterson	11-0-1
4. UC-San Diego	8-2-1
5. MWC	11-1-1
6. The College of NJ	12-2-1
7. Clark (MA)	13-0-1
8. Trinity (TX)	13-1-2
9. William Smith (NY)	12-2-0
10. Kalamazoo (MI)	15-1-0
11. Richard Stockton (NJ)	11-2-1
12. Wellesley (MA)	10-0-2
13. Willamette (OR)	12-0-4
14. Williams (MA)	8-0-0
15. Wheaton (IL)	12-2-1
16. Union (NY)	11-1-1
17. Cal Lutheran	10-2-0
18. Gettysburg (PA)	11-2-0
19. WI Stevens Point	11-3-2
20. Emory (GA)	10-1-4

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Martine St. Germain holds off a Methodist player.

A Season Of Discontent: Men's Soccer Fails To Match High Preseason Predictions

Commentary

By Andrew Rothschild

I feel like Michael Wilbon writing for the Washington Post about the Redskins this week. For the first time in four years, the MWC men's soccer team lost to a CAC opponent—this time to archrival Salisbury State 2-0 at our own Homecoming.

Although they managed to defeat Gallaudet 6-0, the Eagles have not lived up to expectations.

The fact of the matter is that in the preseason standings, the Eagles were ranked third in the nation. Granted, polls do not necessarily mean a thing, but it says something for what people thought of our talent.

After 14 games MWC's record stands at 6-8.

This season has been very difficult to swallow. I commend the Eagles for not giving up throughout the entire game against Salisbury State.

Even down 2-0 with 12 seconds left,

they were still rushing to set up a play, hoping to score. But after such a successful season last year, I want to forget this one ever happened.

Combine this with the Redskins—I'm starting to get upset that NBC no longer televises professional bowling.

Whether it was two years on the team or as a fan in the stands, I have lived and died with MWC soccer. There is something missing from our team this year. Whether it's leadership on the field or a spark of excitement, we're missing direction. The problems that have plagued the team the entire season have not been improved.

Talking casually with assistant coach Chris Farrell after the game, it seems the lack of leadership is a problem. Players are not talking to each other, nor are they supporting each other.

The forwards are impatient and are trying to do too much too quickly. They end up taking on four defenders with no support from the midfield. No one player on the team has scored over three goals thus far.

But it is not just the offense's fault. I don't think the team gave up half the shots on goal



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Dan Guarriello jumps for the ball.

we have this year.

J.T. Nino had the lowest goals against average in the region last year.

The most upsetting thing is that we have players capable of doing great things. This is not the men's soccer team I know.

If we started the season all over back in September, we could probably be 11-2 right now and in position for the NCAA tournament.

There is still time left to turn the season around and finish with a winning record. Someone stand up and make something happen. Bring back some of the excitement that's been missing this season.

**Next Game: 3 p.m.
Saturday at York.**

Field Hockey Gets By Gettysburg College

**Eagles Greatly Improve Chances Of Receiving
Invite To NCAA Tournament**

By Mike Komssi

Bulletin Distribution Manager

The absence of keg stands, long lines at the john and plastic cups strewn across the Battleground at this Homecoming celebration left a good deal of the student body homebound to sulk.

Liberated from the usual stale odors of cheap beer, puke and urine, the MWC field hockey team sent a message of authority to Gettysburg College, its opponent.

The Eagles defeated Gettysburg College, ranked fourth in the country, by a score of 2-1.

"It was a big game to win," said freshman forward Jessica Morris.

Morris scored the only two goals for MWC to give them the win, improving their record to 13-4.

This was a particularly satisfying victory for MWC. Just one week earlier, the Eagles lost to CAC rival Salisbury State University by a score of 4-1.

"Hopefully we'll get another chance to overturn the loss," said head coach Dana Hall.

If the Eagles play their cards right, they will face the Seagulls of Salisbury during the CAC tournament next week.

"The good thing about Salisbury is we get to play them again and it's the game at the end of the season that counts," added Hall.

Before that happens, the Eagles must face either Catholic University or York College in the semifinals next Thursday.

"We're not taking Catholic or York lightly," remarked senior captain Aimee Seward.

The next challenge for MWC comes in the form of Messiah College, which is ranked eighth in the nation. Messiah will visit the Battleground this Saturday. For MWC, it is essential the team play well in order to gain an invitation to the national tournament in November.

"[Beating Gettysburg] gives us some confidence for Messiah," Morris said.

Despite a lackluster turnout for Homecoming this year, the field hockey

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Schedule of Events

Men's Soccer

Oct. 24: at York, 3 p.m.

Oct. 28: Marymount at the Battleground, 3 p.m.

Women's Soccer

Oct. 23: at Marymount, 7 p.m.

Oct. 24: at York, 1 p.m.

Oct. 26: CAC Tournament- First Round, TBA.

Oct. 29: CAC Tournament- Semifinals, TBA.

Field Hockey

Oct. 24: Messiah at the Battleground, 1 p.m.

Oct. 26: CAC Tournament- First Round, TBA.

Oct. 29: CAC Tournament- Semifinals, TBA.

Volleyball

Oct. 24: at Goucher, 1 p.m.

Cross Country

Oct. 24: Mason Dixon Invitational at the Battleground, 11 a.m.



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Nationally Ranked Again...

MWC's Jessica Morris runs for the ball against Gettysburg. The Eagles' 2-1 win put them back in the NCAA top 20 (MWC is ranked twentieth). The victory also greatly improved the team's chances of going to the NCAA tournament.



Men's Cross Country Triumphant At States Women's Team Finishes Second

By Toni Fashola

Bulletin Staff Writer

Cross country seems to be an unrecognized sport on this campus, but with the performance that was given at the Virginia State Championships, that might not continue for long.

On Oct. 10, the men's and women's cross country team competed in the Virginia State Championships in Newport News, going against other Division II and III schools.

The men, led by junior Jason Van Horn, finished first out of 11 schools. The men's team was able to beat out such schools as Roanoke, Christopher-Newport, Lynchburg, Bridgewater and Washington & Lee.

Finishing first out of 103 runners, Van Horn had a season-best performance, with a time of 25:32. This was an improvement from his last meet by over a minute. Van Horn beat his closest competitor by seven seconds.

Freshman Travis Jones, finishing fourth in 26:06, had a season-best time and season-best placement for the meet.

"This meet is a confidence-booster for the Conference Championships coming up," said Jones.

Junior Jim Dlugasch ran the five-mile race in 26:54, placing twelfth.

"I'm impressed with the team. We went in to win and we did just that.

We will be able to use this performance as a springboard for upcoming meets," said Dlugasch.

Freshman Brian Walsh improved his time by over 30 seconds, coming in thirteenth with a time of 27:04.

Junior Brien Roberts had a season-best time and placement, coming in sixteenth with a time of 27:11.

Freshman Dan Greene finished nineteenth in 27:21. Not doing as well in previous performances, Greene was able to improve his time by two minutes.

"The team worked together and we came in strong," Greene said.

Missing some of their top runners, the women's team was still able to crack the top three, finishing second out of nine schools.

Lynchburg beat out MWC for the number-one spot, but the women finished ahead of Washington & Lee, Roanoke and South Virginia.

Having a season-best performance, senior Meredith Leson was the highest MWC finisher, coming in eighth place in 19:43.

Junior Marga Fischel was right behind her teammate, finishing ninth in 19:44, also a season best.

Eleventh-place finisher with a season-best time and placement, freshman Dana Folta had a time of 19:50. Coming in thirteenth, freshman Christine Chandler finished

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The Perfect Blend Of Youth And Experience

Assistant Volleyball Coach Is Young, But Talented

By Jeff Graham
Bulletin Assistant Sports Editor

He walks off the volleyball court, tired from yet another strenuous practice in the oven that is the Goolrick gym.

"Let's get this done," he says, referring to our interview, obviously worn out from three hours of watching volleyball after volleyball fly through the air.

It would be nice to be getting paid for his work, but for this devotee, coaching volleyball is simply an extracurricular activity. After all, he is only 17 years old.

That's correct. The young man you see standing on the sidelines at MWC's women's volleyball matches is not the kid brother of one of the players. That would be Chad Willis, assistant women's volleyball coach. Don't worry, the Stafford High School junior still answers to "Chad."

The story of Willis' molding from dynamic youngster to volleyball phenom begins more than a decade ago.

"I got started playing volleyball with kids in the neighborhood. It started there," Willis said.

As a child, Willis was very active and interested in a variety of other sports including soccer, baseball and basketball. However, in 1994, Willis made a choice to devote himself to the one sport he loves.

"When it came time to make a decision, choosing volleyball was easy. It was definitely my best sport and the most fun by far," Willis said.

Though the decision to stick with volleyball was clearly his to make, volleyball was almost a tradition in the Willis family. Willis' father is the owner of the Fredericksburg Volleyball Club. His mother plays for a local women's team.

Since the club's opening five years ago, Willis said much of his free time is spent there, practicing and playing competitive volleyball. All of his hard work continues to pay off.

Playing his favorite position at setter, Willis is a current member of the Junior Olympic Development team at the Richmond Volleyball Club.

He has twice been named an all-tournament player at the East Coast Championships.

Though Willis' experience and talent are two of the reasons why he

was chosen by coach Dee Conway to be the first assistant coach ever in the women's volleyball program, he gives his father all the credit for creating the opportunity.

Last year, Bob Willis was introduced to Conway at a volleyball function and let her know about Chad.

"My father asked if she needed any help and he mentioned my name. That put things into motion," Willis said.

Willis believes that his primary role as first year coach is to always remain positive and to keep the right attitude. He does not see himself as being a motivating force for the team.

"I'm not here to motivate the team. My job is to show them how to motivate themselves," Willis said.

In his first season, Willis has seen this year's squad go through its ups and downs. With seven freshmen and only four veterans, he has seen their progression as a team.

"We're developing. There are games where we've played so well and there are games where we've played poorly. I want the team to play like I know they are capable of," Willis said.

Though Willis hasn't yet



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Chad Willis is on the Junior Olympic Development Team, helps coach MWC volleyball, is on track for an athletic scholarship...and he's only 17.

completed his first year of coaching, he definitely wants and expects to be back next season, his senior year in high school. By that time, his future will have already begun to take shape. Willis said that he has already started talking to college coaches about playing in college.

"I want a full scholarship to play volleyball. I have talked to the coaches at Penn State and San Diego State, but nothing has been decided yet," Willis said.

While Willis said he would like to study physical therapy or sports medicine, he said his dream is to become a women's volleyball coach

at a Division I school.

When asked why he would prefer coaching women over men, Willis' reply was direct.

"I don't think women get enough recognition in playing sports. If you look at sports today, men get all the attention. I think women work just as hard and deserve more respect," Willis said.

A wise statement from such a not-so-ordinary young man. In a sports world where most coaches outdistance their players in age, Willis proves that coaching is not entirely reserved for the post-adolescent crowd.

Volleyball Looks For Strong Finish

By Jeff Graham
Bulletin Assistant Sports Editor

By looking at the record of the women's volleyball team, it would seem as if this season has been somewhat of a struggle. Heading into Wednesday's conference meeting against York College, MWC has a record of 13-11, with a 1-3 record in CAC matches. Nonetheless, the team continues its fight onward.

"Hard work is the key to any kind of success we hope to have. The team understands why they have to work hard and realize the results of it," said coach Dee Conway.

With four games left, three of which are in the conference, the Eagles are currently ranked seventh out of the eight conference teams.

Conway said that if the Eagles want to avoid playing a number one or two seeded team in the first round of the CAC Tournament, they must find a way to win these last few conference matches.

"We want to finish up the regular season in a good position going into the conference tournament," Conway said.

Willis is looking towards the match against York and views it as a pivotal match. Since the Eagles have already lost to York once this season in the Gettysburg College Tournament, this showdown should be quite a battle.

"We've made some changes since the last match. We have to be smart and when there is a chance, we need to put the ball on the floor," Conway said.

As the Eagles prepare for the post season, Conway said that by no means is her team ready to call it quits.

"As long as we don't give up on any point, any game, any match, anything can happen. Our goal is still to win a conference championship."

**Next Game: 1 p.m.
Saturday at Goucher.**

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Goolrick Gymnasium Makes Improvements

Air-Conditioning Is Expected To Be Installed For The 1999-2000 School Year

By Nicole Ramer
Bulletin Staff Writer

Now when MWC students go down the 42 stairs to the basement of Goolrick Hall, they will notice the cardiovascular equipment is no longer in the weight room. There are also some new cardiovascular and weight machines.

The new cardiovascular equipment includes five new Stairmasters, six new rowers, two new recumbent bikes and a versa climber which are located in what is called the cardiovascular room.

"We took the bikes and the stairmasters out of the weight room and put them in what used to be a classroom, so the weight room would be less stuffy," said Ed Hegmann, director of athletics.

"I like [the cardiovascular room] because it's separate from the larger part of the weight room," said freshman Tiffany Curry. "Whereas this summer I was here and it's kind of embarrassing huffing and puffing in front of all the guys."

In addition to the new cardiovascular equipment, there are also many new weight machines available to the students.

Presently, there are two nautilus bicep machines, two nautilus tricep machines, a nautilus lower back machine, and an abdominal machine.

So far, all the improvements have cost the college \$24,000 from a master fitness fund that was provided by the college for the additions.

Many other additions are expected to come in the next couple of months.

Students can expect to see two televisions with FM receivers in the cardiovascular room, an additional leg-press, angled calf and a cybex-assisted chin-dip (which has chin and dip mounted bars), a magnum tower multi-purpose machine with seven stations: cable cross-over, two lap pull downs, a push down, low row, two chin bars, and air-conditioning to Goolrick Hall.

"I am not sure when the equipment will be delivered, but students can expect it in the next couple of

months," said men's soccer coach Roy Gordon.

Many students and faculty have noticed the changes and additions to the weight room.

"My lacrosse team is currently training, so anything added to the weight room is a good thing," said women's lacrosse and field hockey coach Dana Hall.

"A lot of people use this weight room, so this addition is definitely a good thing," added junior Jessica Folkers.

Although there has been obvious remodeling in the weight room, students and faculty still have many complaints.

"The equipment is old and rickety. I am afraid that some of the machines are going to break on me," said senior Tom Starlinger. "I also think they need to put up directions to explain how to use the new machines because you could really hurt yourself if you are not using the equipment properly."

Even though there are many cardiovascular machines, many

students and faculty have complained about the lack of treadmills.

Many people feel like treadmills could only enhance the weight room and increase the number of students coming into the weight room.

"The treadmills are the most expensive of the aerobic equipment and the most difficult to repair," said Gordon. "We need to be efficient in the way we use equipment, so we have chosen not to purchase them now."

Another major factor is the heat. Presently, there are five working fans in the weight room and two working fans in the cardiovascular room. Since the weight room is in the basement of Goolrick Hall, there are no window fans or air conditioning.

"The heat is always terrible. In a way it's good because it makes you sweat, but at the same time you don't want to die," said senior Julie McPhillomy.

Many of the faculty and staff have noticed the horrible heat in the weight room and there are plans to replace

the heating system and add air-conditioning to Goolrick.

Beginning in the spring or summer of 1999, renovations will take place in Goolrick. Renovations will include adding air-conditioning and a fitness center on top of the parking garage that will be 10,000 square feet.

Air-conditioning Goolrick will cost over two million dollars, and the entire parking garage with the fitness center will cost over five million dollars.

"The air-conditioning will probably take a little more than a year because students will be occupying the building when renovations are taking place," said John Wittenmuth, assistant vice president for faculty services.

With many additions to the way, students and staff simply need to be more patient.

"We realized the need for changes and now the students and staff just need to be more patient until the equipment and air-conditioning is added," said Hegmann.

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faithfuls came out to support their Eagles.

Hall said, "I really need to thank our fans. I know there were a number of other sports teams out there. That's something we need to promote."

**Next Game: 1 p.m.
Saturday vs. Messiah at the Battleground.**

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in 20.02, her highest placement for the season.

Also running well were sophomore Erin Murray, finishing 20th with a time of 20.45, freshman Jennifer McLaughlin, 22nd with a time of 21.01.

**Sunday, October 18
Allentown College Invitational:**
Travelling to the Allentown College Invitational on October 18, the men's and women's teams again worked hard and tried to place well.

Without their full team, the men and women were still able to finish respectively.

The men placed 18th out of 45 teams running, we treated the race like a workout and just had fun," Jones said.

The women finished 11th out of 46 schools.

**Next Meet: 11 a.m. Saturday.
Mason Dixon Invitational at the Battleground**

MWC Sports Results

Men's Soccer

Oct. 8
MWC 3 Catholic 2

Oct. 14
MWC 6 Gallaudet 0

Oct. 17
Salisbury St. 2 MWC 0

Field Hockey
Oct. 9
Salisbury St. 4 MWC 1

Oct. 14
MWC 3 Lynchburg 1

Oct. 17
MWC 2 Gettysburg 1

Oct. 20
MWC 4 Randolph Macon 2

Volleyball
Oct. 17
MWC 3 Catholic 0

Athlete of the Week: Jason Van Horn Cross Country

Van Horn earns the rare distinction of being the Bulletin's athlete of the week for the second consecutive issue. Van Horn led MWC to a first-place finish at the 1998 Virginia State II/III Championships. His time of 25:32 was good for first place overall.

Women's Soccer
Oct. 15
MWC 0 Catholic 0

Oct. 17
MWC 11 Methodist 2

Baseball
Oct. 17
MWC 7 Prince George's C.C. 2
MWC 8 Prince George's C.C. 1

Men's Cross Country

Oct. 10
MWC won the 1998 Virginia State II/III Championships in Newport News. Jason Van Horn finished first overall and Travis Jones finished fourth overall.

Oct. 18
MWC placed 18th out of 45 schools at the Allentown College Invitational.

Women's Cross Country
Oct. 10
MWC finished in second place out of nine teams at the 1998 Virginia State II/III Championships in Newport News. Meredith Leson finished eighth overall and Marga Fischel finished ninth overall.

Oct. 18
MWC placed 11th out of 46 schools at the Allentown College Invitational.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Rusted Root Not 'Lost In The Crowd'



Cindy Rolfe/Bullet

By Ruth Cassell
Bullet Staff Writer

Whether they knew it or not, approximately 1200 Mary Washington students attended a theater production last week, the Rusted Root concert.

The Rusted Root concert, produced by Giant Productions, was the buzz of the campus for the last couple weeks.

On Oct. 14, all those who had waited in line for tickets and for good seats at the show were treated to an energetic show which in many aspects resembled a theater production.

The Rusted Root concert embodied all of the aspects necessary to create a theater production: live actors or performing artists portraying characters or playing roles, a live audience reacting to the performance and a planned and rehearsed show.

The Basics

Michael Glabicki (lead vocals, guitar, mandolin), Liz Berlin (backup vocals, percussion, violin), Patrick Norman (bass guitar, percussion, vocals), and Jim Donovan (drums, background vocals, guitar) began Rusted Root in 1990 in Pittsburgh, Pa.

In late 1990, Jenn Wertz, who is no longer with the band, and John Buynak (guitar, percussion, flute, mandolin) joined Rusted Root. Following in 1993, Jim DiSpirito (percussion, hand drummer) completed the sextet.

The six members of the folk rock band seem to effortlessly blend African, Middle-Eastern, Latin-American, and Eastern influences with tribal percussion to create rhythms that reportedly lead their enthusiastic audiences into trance-like and

hypnotic states.

The band's ability to jam, which heightens the intensity of their live show, and the versatility with which they switch instruments and roles on stage increases the feeling their music evokes.

As their website says, "[the] best way to experience Rusted Root is to see them live."

The Live Actors

"[While] a lot of bands are not as good in concert as they are when recorded, Rusted Root put on an energetic show," freshman Liz Herndon observed.

They definitely did everything possible to live up to their name as a soulful, energetic band with more to add on stage than in the studio when they came to Mary Washington.

The audience was treated to some of "Rusted Root's" most popular songs: "Ecstasy," and "Cat Turned Blue" proved to be true audience thrillers.

Glabicki and Berlin had a jam-off on "Cat Turned Blue" for ten minutes, even adding in a small portion of "All Along the Watchtower" by Jimi Hendrix.

They proved not only their knowledge but also their love and passion for their music.

"The performers were incredible. They provided the crowd with an intense array of feel good, breathe deep, and clench your teeth music," sophomore Andy Ward commented.

In a traditional theater production, actors pretend and imitate characters in an attempt to make the characters come alive to their audience.

Jeremy Sutton, a sophomore, quoted the Grateful Dead, "Let the music play the band" to express how he feels a live concert

depicts different roles and characters.

"Music is the character; the musicians are used to create what will become the show," he added.

In particular, Liz Berlin seemed to change her role along with the assortment of instruments she played, while many students commented on the vitality and expressiveness of Donovan's drum solo.

The character of the show was transformed as the guitar, bass and lyrics were taken out of the compilation and the spotlight and energy focused on Donovan's conga-like drum solo.

It was often characterized as many audience members' favorite part of the show.

The Live Audience

"The audience was alive," Ryan Lynch, junior, said, summing up the show very well. In stereotypical terms, it would be obvious that the audience was alive.

However, at the Rusted Root show, the audience seemed to feel the music. They danced and sang, or hummed, the lyrics and didn't care who saw them.

As a theater production can make one laugh or cry, the concert made people dance and sing.

Right from the start, the crowd was on its feet with what is arguably Rusted Root's most popular song, "Send Me On My Way."

Despite the constrictions of Dodd Auditorium, no one stayed seated.

Instead, everyone moved with the rhythms of Glabicki's mesmerizing voice and the melodies of Berlin's various percussion instruments, Donovan's drum solos, and the improvisational jam sessions.

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Michael Glabicki of Rusted Root wails out a tune for the crowd in Dodd Auditorium last Wednesday.

The famous FILM FIEND

On the MWC Film Committee, Cheap Seats and "Mask of Zorro"

By James Mirabello
Entertainment Editor

Ladies and gentlemen, there has been an injustice performed on this campus. And unfortunately, the perpetrator was me. Why must the Film Fiend always complain about the state of the industry (which he will do again-beware)?

Let's start the Film Fiend review brand spanning new movies exclusively? Why so discriminatory? Why not good movies that people can rent? What about those second run theaters?

Let's give some props where props are due. The folks on the MWC Film Committee bring movies to this campus almost every week. Granted, Dodd Auditorium is not the most comfortable place, but it's only a dollar!

So this week, the Film Fiend is going to give some coverage to some good guys and gals who deserve it, and he is going to review the film playing at Dodd this weekend, "The Mask of Zorro."

Last summer, "Mask of Zorro," starring Antonio Banderas and Anthony Hopkins, made a minor dent in the box office, which is a shame because it was one of the most fun rides I've been on in awhile.

The movie opens with a swish and

a slash as Zorro, played by the wonderful Anthony Hopkins, prevents the nasty Spanish governor, Rafael Montero (Stuart Wilson), from executing some innocent peasants.

Unfortunately, Montero discovers Zorro's identity during this battle and captures him. Just before leaving the land in the wake of revolution, Montero throws poor Zorro in the dungeon.

Fast forward twenty years. Montero returns to America and sets in motion his overly complicated evil bad guy plan (as all bad guys tend to have).

Zorro breaks out of the prison and prepares his revenge, which includes training a young man (Antonio Banderas) to be his successor.

Together, Anthony and Antonio swash and buckle their way through this fast-paced and incredibly enjoyable film.

What is there bad to say? Very little, so I'll get it out of the way first. The bad guys are weak. One never gets the impression that they can beat our two Zorros.

Also, the ending has some small things in it that are a little goofy. Well, okay, not a little goofy. They're very goofy. The film is not perfect.

But, these are little complaints, and it gives me a not-so-fresh feeling

to bring up such petty points.

Now, the good. And there is so much of it. First, the acting is fine. Anthony Hopkins and Antonio Banderas have great chemistry, and the audiences can just tell that they are having a load of fun.

The best thing about these two guys is the variations they bring to the legend of Zorro. Hopkins is elegant and graceful in his ballet-like battle style.

Contrasting this is Banderas who brings an amazing amount of agility to his Zorro's movements.

Hopkins' Zorro is deeply intertwined with romantic charm. Everything he does is just so...charming. You'd think he was Cary Grant.

This is opposed to Banderas, whose character knows he doesn't have even a wee bit of charm. Instead, he accents raw sexuality. The guy just oozes sex appeal.

Hopkins and Banderas are very different people, and this is obvious in their distinct takes on Zorro. Independently, these guys are cool. Together, they are about as awesome as you can get.

But, wait! Men, don't turn your backs! There is another character that

The Devil Went Down To Dodd

The First-Annual Lip Sync Contest Appears At MWC

By Dominique Pastre
Bullet Staff Writer

Last Thursday night, Dodd Auditorium echoed with the sounds of the fiddle as John Langan, Jay Montepare and Robert Wall graced the stage with their combined hidden talents.

As the threesome performed, the Mary Washington audience grew more and more enthusiastic. They gave a stellar show, with "The Devil Went Down To Georgia" as their theme song. It was inevitable that these guys were going to win first place in the first annual Lip Sync Contest.

As one of the several "Spirit Week" events sponsored by Class Council, the Lip Sync Contest was well attended. Except for the balcony, Dodd was filled with as many students as the previous night, when Rusted Root performed.

"I was amazed at the turnout. That just proves that students at this school do have school spirit!" said Catherine Saifer, a member of the audience.

The purpose of the evening was essentially to encourage school spirit and student involvement in campus sponsored activities. Friends and faculty alike joined together to support those brave souls who were courageous enough to perform in front of the crowd.

Among those who expressed themselves on stage were The Cow Girls, whose intricate Madonna medley earned them a fourth-place prize of \$100. The four girls did a fine job of incorporating the many different stages of Madonna-madness, from her '80s punk fad to the infamous cone-shaped breast extravaganza.

The following act was an enticing duo from Ethan

Bedell and Marzena Feroz. The act consisted of a spicy and playful duet to Lady Marmalade.

Again, there was a lot of booty-shaking and some partial nudity, but the audience seemed to enjoy it. The lyrics, "Voulez-vous coucher avec moi, se soir," made for an interesting performance that placed them third, winning them \$200.

Another favorite seemed to be the Jackson Five impersonators, otherwise known as Ugly Iota. The group as a whole looked as if they had been victims of "Saturday Night Fever," clad in afros, bell-bottoms, and polyester shirts.

Like John Travolta himself, their dancing was quite impressive and their charisma was equally entertaining. They certainly earned their high finish of second place, for a prize of \$300.

The Mary Washington Show Choir performed a cute little number that seemed like bad '80s flashback. The routine was choreographed to several different songs, including the famous "Rocky" tune, "Eye of the Tiger."

Draped in neon and spandex, legwarmers and high-tops, the Show Choir did a good job with their "Flashdance" meets "Footloose" ditty, recalling the entire audience to the days of Cindy Lauper and Boy George.

The first act of the night was the only performance by faculty members. The curtain opened with Sonny and Cher imitators, Bernard Chirico, vice president for student affairs and dean of students, and Barbara Wager, director of the psychological center. With Chirico as Cher, the performance was clever and fun. Surprisingly enough,

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WMWC TOP TEN:

Number	Artist	Album
1.	Mercury Rev	"Deserter's Songs"
2.	Sunny Day Real Estate	"How It Feels To Be Something On"
3.	The Afghan Whigs	"1965"
4.	Soul Coughing	"El Oso"
5.	Belle & Sebastian	"The Boy With The Arab"
6.	PJ Harvey	"Is This Desire?"
7.	Sun Volt	"Wide Swing Tremolo"
8.	Meatball Manifesto	"Actual Sounds & Voices"
9.	Jude	"No One Is Really Beautiful"
10.	Juliana Hatfield	"Bed"

The Top 10 List is compiled by the Music Dept. of WMWC. Questions? Please call The Bullet at x1133 or WMWC at x1152. Also, don't forget to visit the WMWC web page: <http://www.mwc.edu/wmwcl-okay>



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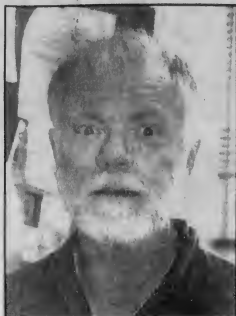
Kacey Kology making a face at 'Make Your Mark,' a fundraiser for the art club. Student-artists painted on the wall of Einstein's Bagels in order to raise money for a club trip to New York City.

Coming Attractions...

- **Friday, Oct. 2 through Tuesday, Dec. 15:** Exhibition, "Leon Golub: Solo Exhibition of Paintings and Prints," Ridderhof Martin Gallery. Free. Info: X. 2120.
- **Thursday, Oct. 22 and Saturday, Oct. 24:** Film, "The Mask of Zorro," Dodd Auditorium. 7 p.m. \$1.
- **Thursday, Oct. 29:** Lecture, Fredericksburg Forum. "Deep Sea Exploration" with Dr. Robert Ballard, the discoverer of the Titanic. Dodd Auditorium. 8 p.m. For tickets, call X. 1276.
- **Friday, Oct. 30 and Saturday, Oct. 31:** Tour, "Ghostwalk," Market Square. Tours leave every ten minutes from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. \$3 students. Reservations, call X. 1316.

Who Is The Most Attractive Celebrity Today?

Photos and interviews by Karen Pearlman



"Halle Berry. She's hot."

—Tophier Bill, professor of psychology



"Little Debbie because she's so sweet."

—Adrian Carroll, senior



"Leo DiCrapio because he's a really, really, really good actor."

—Scott Racer, junior



"Jenna Jameson [porn star] because her oratory skills are commendable."

—Carl Mainwaring, senior



"Emma Thompson because her face is so expressive."

—Connie Smith, senior lecturer of English

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Chirico was so enthusiastic about the act that he wore fluorescent-pink hip-huggers.

Overall, the Lip Sync Contest seemed to be a good way of promoting school spirit and student participation in on-campus events. The performances were each unique and most were done with taste and style. However, there was a small majority who thought that this was an audition to appear in a Victoria's Secret catalog.

Although partial nudity is tasteful to a certain extent, the Mary Washington stage probably should be reserved for those who have enough class to keep their legs crossed and their cleavage covered.

It is therefore appropriate that the first place prize was earned by the three gentlemen who performed to "The Devil Went Down to Georgia." Their idea was the most original, their costumes the most tasteful, and their dancing was absolutely wonderful.

Although we usually see these guys on the baseball field or basketball court, they deserve much credit for having enough spirit to take over Dodd Auditorium.

Jay Montepare, who played the Devil, was asked why he decided to enter the contest.

"It was fun," Montepare answered simply. That's good enough reason as any. The first prize winners should look into show business; they had charming stage presence, were comfortable, funny, and were class.

Thanks to the winning threesome and the other brave souls who risked excessive embarrassment by performing, the first annual Lip Sync Contest proved to be a hilarious show.



Karen Pearlman/Bulletin

The Lip Sync Contest displayed to the audience sides of their classmates that they have never seen before. Above, Brian Rolnestad, Brooks L'Allier and Chris Hitzelburger dance away behind a protective wall of umbrellas.

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The active live audience added to the theater aspect of the concert.

The Planned Show

The main reason that live concerts have come to be considered a form of art and a type of theater production is that recently, shows have become acts that are repeatedly rehearsed and performed.

The light show at the Rusted Root concert last week encompassed the idea of a pre-rehearsed show that accented the live performers and the music as well as enhanced the audience's experience.

"The light show was magnificent. Spiraling colors twisting and melting into one another on the walls and ceilings," Andy Ward said. "I loved the way they made all those blue furry raindrops kiss the pastel pink Clifford the Dogs. Maybe that was just me."

The light show and the playlist of songs are two of the planned aspects of the show, but Rusted Root never let go of the energy of the show.

They didn't interrupt the flow of the music with talk and jokes; the songs led one into another, breaking out into jam sessions and solos.

The light show accented the beats of the music and helped integrate the crowd, who were consistently spotlighted, into the show.

Once Rusted Root left the stage, noise filled Dodd Auditorium in the form of stomps and screams of song titles and claps of approval and anticipation.

"Rusted Root" came back for an encore and ended the show to the audience's surprise and excitement with an encore of an oldie but goodie, The Rolling Stones' "You Can't Always Get What You Want."

The audience screamed their approval for this old favorite.

Whether it was playing old or recent songs, Rusted Root seemed to be a huge hit for the students at Mary Washington.

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needs to be thrown into this merry bunch. Her name is Elena, Rafael Montero's "daughter." As played by Catherine Zeta-Jones, she is the best part of the movie.

On a purely aesthetic level, Zeta-Jones is one of the most beautiful women to grace the screen in quite a time.

In this film, she rivals Grace Kelly in "To Catch a Thief," Audrey Hepburn in "Breakfast at Tiffany's" and Michelle Pfeiffer in "One Fine Day" in terms of perfection.

But, hormones aside, Catherine Zeta-Jones' assets go beyond her looks. The girl can actually act. She is a fine dramatic actress, but an even better comedic actress. She brings respectability to many of the lighthearted scenes by simply smirking or lifting an eyebrow.

Her accent is so good that I actually thought she was Hispanic until I saw her on a talk show and heard her thick Welsh accent.

It doesn't hurt that she and Banderas share the two best scenes in the film, first a lively and flirtatious dance scene and then

an even more lively and flirtatious sword fight.

Granted, I'm really throwing my support in with Elizabeth Berkley in "Showgirls"! I may be completely wrong about her abilities. All I'm saying is that in "Mask of Zorro," Anthony Hopkins and Antonio Banderas are great, but Catherine Zeta-Jones is a revelation.

I digress again. I have always been a fan of swashbucklers, be it "Robin Hood" or "Princess Bride," Tyrone Powers or Val Kilmer.

This film does not disappoint. The sword fights are choreographed by the same guy who did "Star Wars" and also several of Errol Flynn's movies. And they are exciting pieces of work, almost like a dance of flashing steel duelling before our eyes.

The stunts are also amazing. In this day and age where everything is done with

computers, there is something genuinely thrilling about watching real people do these crazy jumps and dives. There is a great chase scene where the stuntmen are performing all sorts of wonderful feats on top of their horses.

So what if the stunt double looks nothing like Antonio Banderas.

Basically, there are just a lot of good things I can say about "Mask of Zorro." It wasn't the best movie of the summer, but it certainly was the most enjoyable.

The film features great performances from Anthony Hopkins, Antonio Banderas, and Catherine Zeta-Jones. It displays thrilling swordplay and great stunts. The humor is actually funny without resorting to obscenity or fart jokes, and the pace of the film is quick and lively.

Okay, so it's not a perfect movie. Hell, technically, it's not even a great movie. But, "Mask of Zorro" is a helluva lot of old-fashioned fun.

"The Mask of Zorro" is playing this weekend at Dodd Auditorium. You have your chance to see it, and for only one dollar. Just one buck!

The guys and gals on the MWC Film Committee work their pants off trying to find good movies for the students to watch on campus. Students should be taking advantage of this.

So, Dodd isn't the most comfortable place in the world. But, I think for a good movie that is inexpensive to see, we can all put up with a buttock or two falling asleep. If it bothers you that much, bring a pillow.

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Quote of the Week:

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Gentlewoman: Mr. Churchill, if I were your wife, I would put poison in your drink!

Churchill: Madam, if you were my wife, I would drink it.

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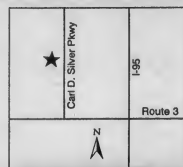
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and

Renee Russo to Andie McDowell

Here are the solutions to last week's Movie Game:

Jodie Foster to Robert DeNiro (Taxi Driver)- Robert DeNiro to Jean Reno (Ronin)- Jean Reno to Hank Azaria (Godzilla)

Dustin Hoffman to Kevin Spacey (Outbreak)- Kevin Spacey to Guy Pierce (L.A. Confidential)

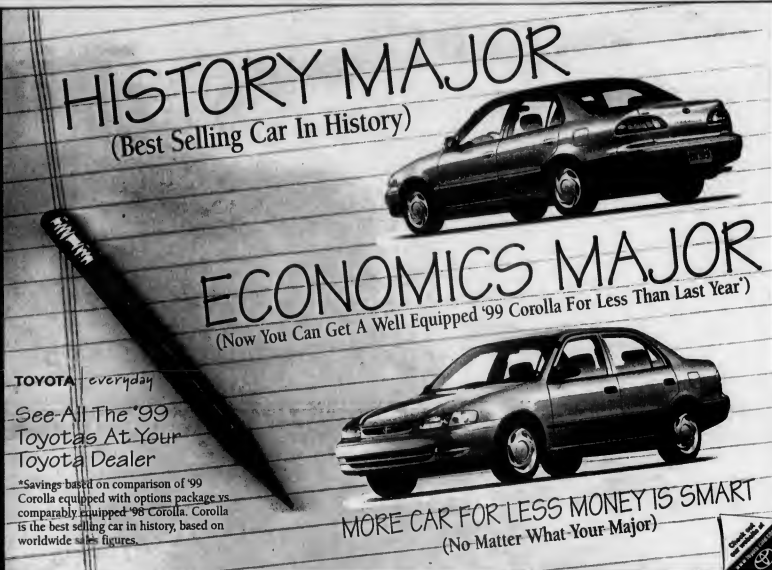
Jessica Lange to Tim Roth (Rob Roy)- Tim Roth to Harvey Kietel (Reservoir Dogs)- Harvey Kietel to John Travolta (Pulp Fiction)- John Travolta to Danny Devito (Get Shorty)- Danny Devito to Russell Crowe (L.A. Confidential)

Catherine Deneuve to John Malkovich (Il Convento)

Last weeks solutions were solved by Chandra DasGupta, James Mirabello and Mark Greenleaf. If you can figure out this week's puzzle, send your answers to the Bulletin at Campus Box #604...we'll even put your name in the Bulletin!

If have any suggestions for how we can improve the Movie Game, please send those as well.

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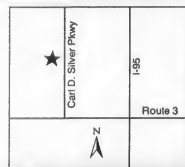
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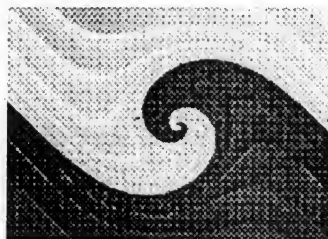
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In the Movie Game, you link actors and actresses up through their co-stars, excluding any television programs the actors and actresses might have been in.

Try and solve this week's Movie Game matches!

Clint Eastwood to Rodney Dangerfield

and

Renee Russo to Andie McDowell

Here are the solutions to last week's Movie Game:

Jodie Foster to Robert DeNiro (Taxi Driver)- Robert DeNiro to Jean Reno (Ronin)- Jean Reno to Hank Azaria (Godzilla)

Dustin Hoffman to Kevin Spacey (Outbreak)- Kevin Spacey to Guy Pierce (L.A. Confidential)


Jessica Lange to Tim Roth (Rob Roy)- Tim Roth to Harvey Kietel (Reservoir Dogs)- Harvey Kietel to John Travolta (Pulp Fiction)- John Travolta to Danny Devito (Get Shorty)- Danny Devito to Russell Crowe (L.A. Confidential)

Catherine Deneuve to John Malkovich (Il Convento)


Last weeks solutions were solved by Chandra DasGupta, James Mirabello and Mark Greenleaf. If you can figure out this week's puzzle, send your answers to the Bulletin at Campus Box #604...we'll even put your name in the Bulletin!

If have any suggestions for how we can improve the Movie Game, please send those as well.


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Adjunct Faculty Get New Handbook, Raise

By Neva Trenis
Bulletin Staff Writer

A new faculty handbook, released Sept. 28 by the Office of Academic Affairs, has formalized employment policies for adjunct, or part-time, faculty members. Both adjunct and full-time faculty members say the handbook, which is the first one geared specifically toward adjuncts, will make their jobs easier.

"The new handbook will address a lot of things I was uncertain about," said Lynn Koplin, a part-time lecturer in the department of sociology and anthropology. "It looks like exactly what I need."

Topher Bill, professor of psychology and an author of the handbook, said that before the handbook the college had been remiss in providing guidelines for adjunct faculty and in defining formal policy regarding academic services and working conditions for adjuncts.

"We were leaving adjunct faculty out in the cold on a lot of things, not just not having

a handbook available, but more importantly on policy matters," Bill said.

One policy change included in the handbook is that adjuncts now have access to the college's faculty development programs and grants, which pay for faculty members to pursue other studies.

Carol Manning, chair of the department of English, linguistics, and speech, said that this change could enhance the teaching skill of adjuncts.

"If we want [adjuncts] to teach and we want them to teach well, we have to train them," she said.

Manning said she is pleased that the college now has defined policies for things like adjunct faculty work-overload, orientation, evaluation and supervision. She also said that she is glad that the handbook gives guidelines on equitable division of office space for adjunct faculty.

When Manning became the ELS chair, she said, there were eight adjuncts sharing one office.

"You just can't expect people to act

professional and be able to do service to students with eight in one office," Manning said.

Also in the handbook are policies regarding the availability of computers, supplies, and hiring and employment policies such as teaching loads, faculty status, and termination of employment for cause.

Catherine Saunders, senior lecturer of ELS, said she is glad to see the new handbook because it sets down in writing policies which were previously passed on by word of mouth.

"In general, I appreciate the effort made to spell out information and procedures that were often passed on orally, if at all," Saunders said.

Senior lecturer Mimi Pujals is pleased with how thoroughly the handbook covers every policy issue adjuncts might encounter.

"I think [the handbook] addresses just about every issue that is of importance to us as adjunct faculty. From what I have seen it is very well thought-out," Pujals said.

Bill said that the handbook drew on many sources for input, which could have helped it

to be thorough and agreeable to all parties.

In writing the handbook, Bill said, he drew on suggestions from a self-study the college conducted, suggestions from the Faculty Affairs Committee, and his 14 years of experience orienting adjunct faculty while he has served as the psychology department chair.

Drafts of the handbook were distributed to department chairs and faculty, full-and part-time, who made suggestions regarding the document.

Bill said that he and Phil Hall, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty, collaborated on the handbook, but that it was Hall who made the final decision on what was included.

"Ultimately it is the responsibility of Dean Hall to publish [the handbook] in whatever form he thinks appropriate. It is not a matter of faculty action, but the discretion of the dean," Bill said.

Along with the handbook, this fall the college changed its pay scale for adjunct faculty, resulting in a salary increase for most



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Psychology professor Topher Bill helped to write the new adjunct faculty handbook.

adjuncts. Under the old scale, an adjunct was paid \$1,800 to \$2,070 per course depending on the adjunct's level of education and teaching experience.

Now, an adjunct can make between \$1,800 and \$3,228 per class.

College Celebrating Opening of Jepson Next Week

By Rachel Zoberman
Bulletin Staff Writer

Students, faculty, and community members will get a taste of MWC's science world next week. The college is holding a week of "opening celebrations" for the new Jepson Science Center Oct. 26-29.

The \$12 million, 75,000-square-foot Jepson Science Center, which houses the college's science departments and includes a greenhouse, an aquatic research lab and a science literary center, opened for classes in August after nearly a decade of planning and fundraising and two years of construction.

Louise Ashby, coordinator of community relations

for MWC, said that events for the opening celebration will include tours of the building each day, receptions on the lower level of Jepson and catered dinners in the Great Hall for MWC President William Anderson, members of the Board of Visitors and community leaders.

MWC also ran a colorful, four-page advertisement in the Free Lance-Star newspaper.

Monday is the biggest day of the celebration. The college will hold an open house in Jepson for all students from 4-6 p.m., with free tours of the new building. Ashby said that any students interested must call 654-1276 to let her know they will be coming.

On the same day, from 5-6 p.m., faculty members can tour the science center.

Also, Harvey Lyman, a professor of cellular and developmental biology from New York, will speak in Jepson room 100 at 7:30 p.m.

Later in the week, Anderson, members of the BOV and community leaders like Fredericksburg mayor H. William Greenup will tour the building and hold their own reception. Finally, on Saturday, Oct. 31, the entire Fredericksburg community can tour the building from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Alice Andrews Jepson, the wealthy 1964 alumna whose \$2 million contribution helped fund the science center, said she will not be able to attend the celebration of the building named in her honor. She said she injured her ankle and is unable to travel.

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Wilder said.

He believes that this assumption detracts some students from applying to MWC.

Wilder said the key is to get prospective students to open letters, read about the college and visit the campus. Once people have seen what MWC has to offer, students will forget about the "private women's college" label, he said.

"Admissions is discussing increasing recruiting efforts and analyzing past applications of male students," Wilder said. However, he said the overall goal of the college is attracting the highest caliber of students, regardless of gender.

"When you look at Mary Washington in terms of cost and academic reputation, I believe this college is equal if not better than the College of William and Mary and the University of Virginia," Wilder said.

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ask the General Assembly for the appropriation in the spring.

Anderson said in a memo to all college employees on Wednesday that he was not surprised by the decision of the SCHEV.

"We still expect to get funding at the upcoming General Assembly session for the renovation of Combs Hall," Anderson wrote. "This action taken by SCHEV was expected and it is not a setback as

we move forward with the renovation project."

The Free Lance-Star reports that, because \$700,000 had already been awarded toward planning the renovations, Anderson felt that now would be a good time to ask for the funds.

Dresser said that he also was not surprised by the decision of SCHEV. He added that if the college has to wait until the next budget is created,

though, Combs will be empty for an extra year. He feels that SCHEV did not take this into account when they made their decision.

"The State Council was simply carrying out the mandate of the governor," Dresser said.

Dresser said that receiving the appropriation now would greatly benefit the college. Mary Washington will be able to utilize the opening of space within all academic

departments once the move takes place, and the college will also be able to fill the 30 new teaching positions approved by the state earlier this year.

"It is worse to see assets go unused," Dresser said.

Two delegates from Fredericksburg in the General Assembly, Democratic Del. V. Earl Dickinson and Republican Sen. John Chichester, are cochairs of the budget committees.

Dickinson said. In an Oct. 21 Free Lance-Star article, Dickinson is quoted as saying that he and college officials will have to consider pushing for the renovations of Combs over additional funding for the Stafford Campus.

"There's not going to be too much money to go around. Certainly, [the college] had friends in Sen. John Chichester and myself. We'll do as much as we can," Dickinson said in

the Free Lance-Star.

"Hopefully the money committees will see it differently [than SCHEV]," Dresser said. "If it doesn't pass [in the General Assembly], it will be very sad for Mary Washington, and unfortunate for the state."

Dresser also added that he will personally be talking to officials in Richmond about the importance of this project to MWC.

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